

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this legislation.

FRANK BUCKLES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Frank Buckles, the last remaining American veteran of World War I. Mr. Buckles was born on a farm near Bethany, Missouri in 1901. Mr. Buckles lied about his age to enlist after turning 16, and fought in France and Germany. Later, in World War II he became a prisoner of war for 39 months after the Japanese invaded the Philippines.

Mr. Buckles' life represents the last of a generation that fought for our country to protect the freedoms that this country was founded upon. It is his service, and the service of those that he fought with that we will always remember and pay tribute to. Mr. Buckles is planning to honor his Commanding General John J. Pershing by visiting his boyhood home on Memorial Day, May 26, 2008.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Frank Buckles, a true patriot that represents all those who have served to protect this nation. It is truly an honor to serve Mr. Buckles in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING MR. JEROME L. SCHOSTAK

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize and congratulate Mr. Jerome L. Schostak for receiving the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Detroit District Council of the Urban Land Institute.

In 1954, Mr. Schostak joined the commercial and industrial real estate development, management, and brokerage firm, Schostak Brothers & Co., which was founded by his father Louis in 1920. Jerome Schostak's leadership, ingenuity, and vision transformed the company from a brokerage firm into the national property management and development company that it is today.

Now, as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Schostak Brothers & Co., Mr. Schostak is continuing the traditions and practices that have made him so successful. Still a family business, as three of his sons are now part of the firm, Schostak Brothers still follows the core values of serving both client and community. This is evident in their many philanthropic efforts, including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Detroit Institute of Arts, and Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

The Urban Land Institute was founded in 1936, as a nonprofit research and education organization with the mission of providing responsible leadership in the use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. The Detroit District Council was founded in 1997, and has regularly sponsored programs and forums to encourage an open

exchange of ideas and experiences within the development community in Michigan. For the past four years the District Council has awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award to individuals for their work in real estate, commitment to the community, and demonstration of civic, charitable, and philanthropic endeavors.

Madam Speaker, for more than fifty years, Mr. Schostak has been a shining example of excellence in both the national real estate and local community. I commend him for his achievements and wish him continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately yesterday, May 20, 2008, due to ground crew delays at Reagan National Airport and subsequent delays getting to the terminal, I was unable to cast my vote on H.R. 6081 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 331 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 6081, the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act, I would have voted "aye."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I am placing this statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA-9).

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Project Name: Army Reserve Center, Letterkenny Army Depot.

Account: MILCON, ARMY RESERVE.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Letterkenny Army Depot.

Address of Requesting Entity: Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$17.9 million for Army Reserve Center, Letterkenny Army Depot.

It is my understanding that funding for this project would consolidate three area Army Reserve facilities at the Letterkenny Army Depot (LEAD) in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. The project will provide a 300 member training facility with administrative areas, classrooms, assembly hall, arms vault, kitchen, equipment storage areas, physical training rooms, and maintenance facilities. LEAD has set aside 7.5 acres of secure federal land for construction of the Reserve Center. The Center will be constructed behind the Letterkenny fence and adjacent to 600 acres of federal land which are used for Reserve training. This facility will also meet all projected force protection and anti-terrorism standards. This project is included in the President's FY 2009 budget and the US Army Reserve Fiscal Year 2009 FYDP.

Project Name: Upgrade Munition Igloos, Phase 2, Letterkenny Army Depot.

Account: MILCON, ARMY.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Letterkenny Army Depot

Address of Requesting Entity: Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County, Pennsylvania

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$7.5 million for Upgrade Munition Igloos, Phase 2, Letterkenny Army Depot.

It is my understanding that funding for this project would modify igloo doors and provide concrete ramps to significantly increase productivity and enhance Letterkenny Army Depot's (LEAD) ability to rapidly and safely support mission requirements. Letterkenny is a major receiving, storage, maintenance, and shipping site for both tactical missiles and conventional ammunition. These munitions are stored in 902 igloos constructed in the 1940s to store low technology ammunition that could be carried by hand. 706 of these igloos have 4 foot wide single doors and a two step differential between the pavement and igloo floor. Funding for this project will modify approximately 100 igloos to 10 foot doors and provide concrete ramps direct from the pavement to the igloo. This project is in the US Army Fiscal Year 2011 FYDP. Letterkenny's munitions storage mission continues to grow and its need for upgraded igloos to meet this mission requirement is more immediate than programmed.

Project Name: Expeditionary Persistent Power.

Account: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, & EVAL, DEFENSEWIDE.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mission Critical Solutions, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 271 Industrial Lane, Alum Bank, PA 15521.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$3 million for Expeditionary Persistent Power.

It is my understanding that funding will be used for research, development, testing, and evaluation. This program builds on the recent success and advancements in ground based power and alternative propulsion systems for USSOCOM as well as advancements in the ultra thin film solar and small wind driven regeneration systems. The power/propulsion system will use latest-generation, commercially available Li-ion polymer batteries storing power from wind, solar, and regeneration techniques.

USSOCOM has a continuing requirement for Expeditionary Power and Clandestine Propulsion Systems for ground, marine, and UV's for all operations environments and tactical scenarios.

It is also my understanding that approximately 55 percent of funding would be used for labor costs, approximately 40 percent of funding would be used for materials, and approximately 5 percent of funding would be used for travel and other costs.

Project Name: Fire Support Technology Improvement Program.

Account: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, & EVAL, ARMY.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Szanca Solutions, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 East Pitt Street, Suite 300, Bedford, PA 15522.